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SUBJECT: MEMBER OF OMAN ROYAL FAMILY SEEKS CALTEX DISTRI-
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1. A MEMBER OF THE OMAN ROYAL FAMILY, SAYYID ALI BIN MUHAMMED BIN TURKI, RECENTLY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE WAS SEEKING A CALTEX DISTRIBUTORSHIP FOR RETAILING GASOLINE. TURKI SAYS THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN LAND BY SULTAN NEAR MUSCAT WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FILLING STATIONS. HE REMARKED THAT SHELL AND BP DID NOT HAVE A MONOPOLY ON SELLING GASOLINE IN OMAN AND THAT DEMAND FOR GASOLINE IS HIGH ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN A CHAIN OF CALTEX FILLING STATIONS IN THE CAPITAL REGION.

2. TURKI SAYS HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CALTEX AND HE PLANS TO MAKE CALTEX A FIRM OFFER ON DISTRIBUTORSHIP. HE DID NOT ASK THE EMBASSY TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO CALTEX ON HIS BEHALF.
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